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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (amended) An isolated [Isolated] DNA encoding a protein having an N-terminal domain, a DNA-binding domain and a ligand-binding domain, wherein the amino acid sequence of said DNA-binding domain of said protein exhibits at least 80% homology with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3, and the amino acid sequence of said ligand-binding domain of said protein exhibits at least 70% homology with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:4.

2. (amended) The isolated [Isolated] DNA according to [claims] claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the amino acid sequence of said DNA-binding domain of said protein exhibits at least 90%[, preferably 95%, more preferably 98%, most preferably 100%] homology with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

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